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A Successful 2015 - 2016 Year for the Colonial Fund

The 2015-2016 school year has been extraordinary for the Colonial Fund. We were overwhelmed and pleased by the generosity of our donors as well as the community participation in our Colonial Fund sponsored events. We are especially grateful to [Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union](#) for joining us as the Colonial Fund's first Innovation Partner. With such exceptional support, we were able to:

- Organize our second annual Direct Giving Campaign, including a \$5,000 donation and a \$5,000 matching challenge from [Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union](#)
- Host a highly successful [Farmer's Market and Artisan Fair](#)
- Bring together over 400 parents, educators and community members to view the award-winning edu-documentary [Most Likely To Succeed](#) and introduce the concept of Project Based Learning
- Sponsor an evening with noted author and public speaker [Will Richardson](#)
- Welcome over 360 runners and walkers to the 9th annual [Shrewsbury Road Scholars Race](#)

Thank you to all our donors! Whether you made a modest contribution or a significant donation in honor of family members, you helped us raise over \$83,000 for the Colonial Fund, enough to make a meaningful impact in our schools next year.

We look forward to building on our successes of the past year and identifying new projects for the Colonial Fund to support, projects where students are challenged to learn, innovate, create and collaborate on new ideas. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and our [website](#) for updates.

If you like what we are doing and would like to see more innovation in learning in our schools, please consider a [donation to the Colonial Fund](#).

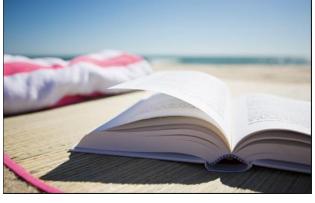
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Will you have some time to read this summer? Maybe on the beach, at the pool or on a plane? If so, check out this blog, [SPS Innovation](#), to see what Shrewsbury educators are discovering about the changing paradigm of education.

Utilizing a federal professional development grant, Shrewsbury's Innovation in Learning study team has traveled to schools that have successfully implemented [project based learning](#) models in their classrooms. The Team is investigating the implementation of innovative teaching and learning for Shrewsbury Public Schools. In their blog, they capture their impressions of the schools they have visited and how, in many cases, Shrewsbury is already doing similar work. But the most interesting question they answer is "What challenges are we facing here in Shrewsbury that these schools have found a solution for?" Check out their blog to learn the answer and more about project based learning.



A Summer Reading List for You



All Shrewsbury students have summer reading lists. Why not you? Here are some books we recommend you try this summer:

- ~ [Grit: The Power of Passion & Perseverance](#) by Angela Duckworth
- ~ [Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World](#) by Tony Wagner
- ~ [Most Likely To Succeed: Preparing Our Kids For The Innovation Era](#) by Tony Wagner and Ted Dintersmith

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